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Because of failing health, he withdrew from active practice of his profession more than twenty years ago.

He gave considerable attention to new enterprises, and particularly to the introduction of the process of burning lime with crude petroleum.

He was a pioneer in silk culture, and believed that the production of silk in this county could be made a paying industry.

He was a faithful member of this society, and an honorable record to his memory should be preserved in our archives.

Dated Los Angeles, California, September, 1906.

WILL D. GOULD,

E. K. GREEN,

Committee.

NATHANIEL JOHNSON CLARKE.

Dear Sir:—I herewith hand you brief sketch of Mr. N. J. Clarke, where born, etc. The elder daughter will probably be able to give some details of his experiences as a Pioneer. Have written her this morning.

Nathaniel Johnson Clarke, son of Jonathan and Charlotte Clarke, was born in Northwood, New Hampshire, December 20, 1820. Died September 30, 1906. Married Eleanor B. Withington July 2, 1868, at Ione, Amador county, California. Five children were born to them, two daughters surviving. Moved to Los Angeles in 1875 and engaged in the oil business. His wife passed away September 30, 1884, since which time he has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. S. Welch. Came to California in sailing vessel around the Horn in 1849; landed in Southern California. Was agent for Pico Spanish Grant in Amador county, California, which position he held about ten years. Was brother of Henry Clarke, a prominent lawyer of San Francisco, and George J. Clarke, who was well known as a notary public, with an office opposite the old court house, where the Bullard block now stands. There is still one brother living, Webster Clarke, who resides at Providence, Rhode Island. You will notice Mr. Clarke passed away on the anniversary of his wife's demise, and about the same hour of the day as near as I can calculate.

As soon as Mrs. Babcock can give further history I will communicate with you. Courteously yours,

W. H. S. WELCH.